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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

REF: NICOSIA 3174

SUMMARY: IN OUR AFTERNOON DISCUSSION WITH PAPADOPOULOS ON DEC. 6, WE COMPARED REPORTING MESSAGES ON STATE OF PLAY WHICH TRACKED CLOSELY WITH NICOSIA'S REPORTING. NEW APPROACH WAS HIT UPON, NAMELY, THAT PARA 12 ON DISINTERMENT SHOULD SIMPLY READ: "THE QUESTION OF DISINTERMENT SHALL BE LEFT TO THE ICRC." PAPADOPOULOS TRIED THIS OUT WITH FM CHRISTOPHIDES WITH POSITIVE RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

1. WE MET IN LATE AFTERNOON WITH PAPADOPOULOS. WE NOTED OUR DISAPPOINTMENT ON THE GOC'S REJECTION OF PARA 12. WE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS BEING NOTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS A LAST MINUTE SHIFT IN THE GREEK/CYPRIOT POSITION WHICH JEOPARDIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS. PAPADOPOULOS DEFENSIVELY PRODUCED HIS REPORTING CABLES WHICH DEMONSTRATED HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE GOC ACCEPT  
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PARA 12 ON EXHUMATION AS DRAFTED IN REF. 4. WE SAID THE ONUS FOR THIS DOWNTURN LIES WITH THE GOC. PAPADOPOULOS SAID INDEED THIS REMAINED THE ONLY OUTSTANDING PROBLEM.

2. IDEA WAS THEN PUT FORWARD OR REDRAFTING PARA 12 TO READ: "THE QUESTION OF DISINTERMENT SHALL BE LEFT TO THE ICRC." NOTING MORE. PAPADOPOULOS OBSERVED THAT THIS

FORMULATION HAS MERIT AND FROM HIS FAMILIARITY WITH THE WORKINGS OF THE ICRC, THE LATTER WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY OPERATION SUCH AS DISINTERMENT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. HE SAID THIS WAS ALWAYS IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND AND FRANKLY FOR THIS REASON DENKTASH COULD HAVE ACCEPTED PARA 12 WITHOUT REQUESTING CONSENSUS OF THE PARTIES, IN ANY EVENT, PAPADOPOULOS VOLUNTEERED TO TRY OUT IMMEDIATELY THIS NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARA 12 WITH FM CHRISTOPHIDES. HE CALLED CHRISTOPHIDES WHO ACCORDING TO PAPADOPOULOS WAS RESPONSIVE ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED TO STILL PREFER HIS OWN FORMULATION (NICOSIA 3174). SUBSEQUENTLY, WE DISCUSSED ICRC STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WITH FRANK SIEVERTS FROM THE DIVISION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. SIEVERTS CONFIRMED THAT AS A PRACTICAL MANNER THE ICRC WOULD SEEK THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO EXHUME.

3. MEZVINSKY LEFT PAPADOPOULOS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AMB. CRAWFORD WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP ON THE REVISED PARA 12 PROPOSAL WITH FM CHRISTOPHIDES AND AFTERWARDS WITH DENKTASH. WE MADE CLEAR THAT THE GREEK SIDE WAS VIEWED BY US AS STILL ONE DOWN ON PARA 12. WE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS NEW WORDING WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE WAY OUT OF THIS IMPASSE.

4. TURNING BACK TO THE ISSUE OF PARA 2, WE REVIEWED AGAIN  
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THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN BOTH SIDES AND AMB.CRAWFORD. WE NOTED TO PAPADOPOULOS THAT THIS SEEMED BRIDGABLE. IN A LATER CONVERSATION ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN NEZVISKY AND COUNSELOR NIMETZ, NEW AND CONCISE MANNER OF WORDING THE "NOTE OF UNDERSTANDING" PARAGRAPH WAS DISCUSSED. THIS NEW WORDING WOULD BE: "IT IS UNDERSTOOD IMPLICITLY THAT PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED." THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS FORMULATION ARE ITS BREVITY AND ITS NEWNESS, NOT WORKED OVER BY EITHER SIDE. WE HOPE BOTH SIDES WOULD FIND VALUE IN THIS NEW "NOTE OF UNDERSTANDING " WHICH COULD FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE OF THE CABLE EXCHANGE AS AGREED EARLIER. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHERE CHRISTOPHIDES PROPOSED LANGUAGE (NICOSIA 3174) ON THIS QUESTION RESTS, BUT IF USEFUL AMB. CRAWFORD MAY WISH TO PUT FORWARD THIS NEW FORMULATION.THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN THIS.  
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